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Pennsylvania Poultry Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr 30, 2007 – The combined value of Pennsylvania poultry production in 2006 was \$665.2 million, down 2 percent from the \$675.9 million in 2005, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Egg production accounted for 35.8 percent of the total value, broiler production was 48.2 percent of the total, turkey production accounted for 15.9 percent, and the value of mature chickens sold (excluding broilers) accounted for less than 1 percent of the total value.

Total egg production for 2006 was valued at \$238.4 million, up 11 percent from \$214.2 million one year earlier. During the year, 6,687 million eggs were produced, 79 million eggs more than in 2005. Prices for all eggs sold, including hatching eggs, averaged 42.8 cents per dozen during the year, compared to 38.9 cents per dozen in 2005.

Broiler production during 2006 was valued at \$320.8 million, down 11 percent from the previous year. A total of 144.9 million broilers were produced in 2006, down 2 percent from 2005. The average price received by producers in 2006 was 41.0 cents per pound live weight, compared to 45.0 cents per pound received a year earlier.

Turkey producers raised 10.5 million poults during 2006, which was the same as the previous year. The value of turkey production in 2006, at \$105.4 million, was 4 percent above 2005. Producers received an average of 54 cents per pound live weight during the year, up 5 cents per pound from 2005.

Mature chickens sold (excluding broilers) in 2006 were valued at \$608,000, 5 percent more than the previous year. A total of 15.8 million mature chickens were sold during the year, 7 percent less than in 2005. Prices for mature chickens averaged 1.1 cents per pound live weight compared to 1.0 cents in 2005.

Nationally, the combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2006 was \$26.8 billion, down 5 percent from the \$28.2 billion in 2005. Of the combined total, 70 percent was from broilers, 16 percent from eggs, 13 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2006 was \$18.9 billion, down 10 percent from 2005. The total number of broilers produced in 2006 was 8.88 billion, up slightly from 2005. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2006 was 48.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2005. The 2006 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 38.6 cents per pound, compared with 43.6 cents in 2005.

Value of all egg production in 2006 was \$4.39 billion, up 8 percent from the \$4.05 billion in 2005. Egg production totaled 90.9 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 90.0 billion eggs produced in 2005. In 2006, all eggs averaged 57.9 cents per dozen, compared with 54.0 cents in 2005.

The value of turkeys produced during 2006 was \$3.55 billion, up 12 percent from the \$3.18 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2006 totaled 7.42 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.10 billion pounds produced in 2005. The average price received by producers during 2006 was 47.9 cents per pound, compared with 44.9 cents in 2005.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2006 was \$53.1 million, down 18 percent from the \$64.7 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.8 cents per pound, compared with 6.5 cents in 2005. The number of chickens sold in 2006 totaled 172 million, down 11 percent from the total sold during the previous year.